

## Tokio Resents Influence of U.S. in China

Considers Empire's Prestige Damaged by Preference for Our Example

Britain Swayed By Japan's Stand

England Won't Meet American Suggestions Without Consulting Ally

[From The Tribune Bureau]  
Washington, June 16.—An official telegram dispatched to all the provinces by the Chinese government urging that China follow the United States and declare war on Germany is said to explain the sensitiveness manifested by Japan in connection with the relations between the United States and China. The text of this message, which was made public here to-day, reads:

"1. By the declaration of our rupture with the German government, all former friendly relations have ceased and we can gain nothing by inactivity. Moreover, if we should take no further step, we shall incur the displeasure of the Allies. It is feared that at the peace conference China will have no friend because she did not join either party.

"2. It must be pointed out that, owing to the distance, we shall have no need to take actual part in the war, although we will have to join the Allies in name. As to the supply of foodstuffs and war materials, the government will certainly exercise restrictions and will not allow the people of the country to suffer any inconvenience.

"Must Follow United States"  
"3. Formerly we declared that with respect to the Chinese policy toward Germany we should adopt an attitude similar to that of the United States of America, and as the latter power has now declared war upon Germany, we cannot remain inactive, otherwise we will lose our national credit."

Japan has resented the preference the Chinese government has exhibited for the advice and example of the United States, claiming for Japan a paramount interest in China, with the right to take priority in advising China in regard to the latter's foreign policies as well as her domestic concerns. Japan has felt that the prominence given by the Chinese government to its emulation of the United States has damaged Japanese prestige.

It is felt here that the new order in China, under the dominance of General Chang Hsun, who has entered Peking in the role of dictator, will be influenced more by Japan than by the United States. It is not yet known what the immediate issue in China will be, although rebellion is incipient, especially in the South. The military power, now in control, possesses superior armed forces, but is weaker numerically than the Liberal Republicans. The party in power, having rid itself of parliament and thoroughly subdued President Li Yuan-Hung, has within its discretion the reestablishment of the monarchy, or the restoration of republican government under a strongly centralized administration.

Question of Prestige  
It is not doubted that, if the new regime is assured of permanency, China will enter the war, but whether it will be as a follower of America's example or as the protégé of Japan is a matter for speculation only at the moment. It is not doubted that Japan desires China to enter as a member of the alliance, and Great Britain is thought also to be lending to Japan its diplomatic support in Peking to effect this consummation. After China's official declaration relating to America it is considered here that for her to turn aside now to Japan would be a blow to the prestige of the United States in China.

State Department officials sought today to minimize the importance of Great Britain's declaration either to associate itself with the United States in advising China to compose her internal discord or to take action similar to America's in separately counselling the Peking authorities that the restoration of tranquillity in the republic soon was to be hoped.

It was learned that Japan also declined to respond favorably to the State Department's suggestion that it might be timely for her to give such advice to China as had already been given by the United States. It was established today that the complaint in Japanese official circles concerning the action taken by this country was not caused entirely, as had been supposed by authorities here, by the publication of a bogus note alleged by the Japanese newspaper "Asahi" to have been sent to China by the United States.

Japan Not Consulted  
Japan's criticism of and objection to American activity relating to China were based upon the fact that Japan was not consulted before action was taken by this country. It is thought here that Japan has seized upon the incident to insist upon recognition by the United States of Japan's special and paramount interest in China, which is asserted by the Japanese government. The American government does not admit that Japan rightfully can claim such an interest in China, but officials are said to be of the opinion that if Japan actually possessed a paramount interest the advice given to the United States, contained in a note "without teeth," as contra-distinguished from President Wilson's notes to Mexico, did not create an incident justifying the suspicion and criticism aroused by it.

Japan, in her reply to the State Department's suggestion, did not urge her claim of a paramount and special interest in China, it was said at the department. The Tokyo Foreign Office merely indicated its indisposition to take similar action.

The refusal of Great Britain to endorse the United States' diplomatic effort to be of service to China was thought here to be due to a reluctance to act differently from Japan, although officials declined to comment upon England's reported decision in view of the non-arrival of the British reply. It was stated that the publication of the note in advance of its receipt by this government was unusual.

British Standpoint Differs  
England and Japan collaborate on

Far Eastern policies, of necessity under the terms of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and it would therefore be incumbent upon Britain, in the view of diplomats here, to yield to Japan's desires respecting the suggestion made by the State Department. The dispatch from London announcing the reply of the British Foreign Office to the American note states that the reply asserts England must view the Chinese situation from a slightly different standpoint than the United States.

That was taken to indicate that England does not consider the solution of China's internal troubles as of more importance than China's entering the war, and also that England thus sought to convey to the United States the intelligence that, as Japan's ally, she may not interfere in Chinese affairs without first exchanging views with Japan. It has recently been asserted in Japanese quarters that England has recognized the paramount interest of Japan in China and that similar recognition had been given by Russia under the Czar.

The American note to China was dispatched June 4 and the text made public in Peking and published in the United States on June 8. On June 13 the bogus text appeared in the Tokyo "Asahi." The powers were addressed

after the delivery of the note to China, but before the publication of the bogus note in Japan, it was said at the State Department.

Japan's attitude toward China, it was stated in a Japanese quarter to-day, is similar to the United States' attitude toward Mexico. Japan looks with concern upon intervention of any kind in China without being first consulted, just as the United States would resent interference by other powers in Mexico. Japan takes the position that peace in the Far East is her concern, just as peace in America is the concern of the United States. The United States was given a free hand in dealing with the neighboring country at its doors during a period of revolutionary troubles extending over a period of years, and Japan claims the right to insist that the same recognition be given by the powers to America's paramount interest in Mexico should be given to Japan's paramount interest in China, which is at Japan's doors and upon whose fate the very destinies of Japan depend.

It was admitted that this line of reasoning would admit of Japan's right to send troops to China just as the United States dispatched a military expedition into Mexico.

## Southern Chinese Plan March Against Rebels in the North

Emissaries at Canton Pick General Lu Yung-ting for War Leader

A cablegram foreshadowing extensive military operations by six of the Chinese southern provinces against the government was received here yesterday by the Chinese Nationalist League of New York from its headquarters in Canton. The league claims to represent politically the six provinces and to favor China's entry into the war on the Entente side under a liberal republican government. Southern troops already are marching on Wu-chang, according to the message, which reads:

"The six Chinese provinces of Kwangtung, Kwang-si, Kwei-chow, Yun-nan, Hu-nan and Sze-chuen have coordinated their plans for active resistance to the

rebellion in Peking, and it is now certain that unless that rebellion is brought under control extensive military operations will ensue.

"Armies organized in all these provinces have sent emissaries to Canton, who have settled on General Lu Yung-ting, the successful leader of last year's Yun-nan rebellion, which deposed President Yuan Shih-kai, as their leader against the armies of the north.

"Southern troops are already marching toward Wu-chang. At a mass meeting of the citizens of Canton immediate mobilization and an increase of taxes for military funds were decided upon and will shortly be passed by the Provincial Assembly and promulgated by the Governor, General Chan Ping-kwan.

"The southern leaders now gathered in Canton represent all factions in liberal China, and assert they have united solely to preserve constitutional government under the republic. They have issued an appeal to the Allied governments and to America not to loan money or support the northern rebels and to refrain from intervention in China's struggle against 'reactionary Prussianism.'"

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